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CLEANING OF MAHANADI AND BRAHMANI RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cleaning of polluted Mahanadi and Brahmani rivers has been completed ;

(b) whether funds allocated for the purpose have not been utilized; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)to(c) To improve the water quality of rivers Mahanadi and Brahmani, three towns of Orissa namely ;

Cuttack, Talcher and Dharmshala have been included under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). The sanctioned cost for various pollution abatement works in these towns is Rs.23 crore. So far, a central grant of Rs. 8.11 crore has been released for implementation of NRCP Schemes in Orissa.The State Government has spent an amount of Rs. 5.70 crore till September 2005. These projects are at various stages of progress. The Central Government is regularly monitoring the progress of the project.